HOTTA CAPTURED BY JAPANESE POLICE

Man Who Escaped from Gaol Again in Custody

DRAMATIC POLICE SEARCH BROUGHT TO AN END

Masao Hotta, alias "The Fox," is behind the bars again.

The elusive bandit was captured at 3 o'clock yesterday morning by a detail of the Japanese Consular Police, as he was entering a Korean residence on Bubbling Well Road.

Dressed in a Chinese gown and looking haggard and tired, Hotta submitted to the guardians of law and order without a struggle.

Jubilantly, the police, headed by Sergeant Einoshiu Hoshi, bundled Hotta into a waiting automobile, en route to the cell which he vacated without notice on May 10.

The Japanese Consular Police did not reveal how much of the $277.40, taken by Hotta out of the police safe on his way out of the station, was recovered.

It was, however, disclosed that the first two days after his daring escape, Hotta spent in a Chinese inn in the vicinity of the Great World Amusement Centre, at the corner of Yu Yaching and Nanking Roads.

Lodgings Constantly Changed

Aware of the intensive citywide search for him, Hotta thereafter moved from one lodging to another in the Chinese city, fearing identification as a Japanese and a subsequent report to the police.

In its search for Hotta, the Japanese Consular Police availed itself of the co-operation of the police authorities of the Settlement, the French Concession, and Greater Shanghai.

The Japanese minions of law did not, however, disclose the source of the tip which led them to the Bubbling Well address.

Hotta's escape from his cell came as a sequel to a 12-month unhappy combat with the law. He first broke into headlines in May, 1936, when the Sakae Shokai, gramophone dealers on Chapoo Road, decided to dispense with his services after he had mulcted the firm's customers of a large sum of money.

Transferred to the custody of the police, Hotta was taken to the Nagasaki prison, where he remained for four months.

He returned here in January and immediately instituted a one-man reign of terror in Shanghai's Japanese community. Representing himself as a beggar, a detective of the S.M.P., a shop messenger, and a seaman borrowing money for carfare to Woosung, "where my ship is anchored," Hotta entered Japanese homes and either borrowed money or took it by less gentle means.

Consular Official Robbed

His first recorded crime after his release from prison, the police said, was committed on January 28, when he is alleged to have stolen Y.55 from the pocket of a suit in the closet of a Japanese residence on N. Szechuen Road.

Following two hold-ups of children and servants, Hotta committed a fatal (for him) mistake of victimizing a consular official. On February 25, he entered the apartment of Mr. Ichiro Aoyagi, head of the political police section of the Japanese Consulate-General, in Pearce Apts., and robbed the servant of $2.

Regarding the capture of Hotta a matter of honour, the Consular Police then launched a vigorous man-hunt. Six days later, the police learned that Hotta was watching a "gangster" movie at the Capitol Theatre.

Police officers were stationed at the theatre doors, ready to nab their man as soon as he left the building. But Hotta was still a step ahead of the police.

Recognizing familiar, although disliked, faces in the lobby, Hotta made a dash for the doors and raced down Museum Road. He was finally cornered by panting policemen on Hongkong Road and triumphantly installed in the Consular Police gaol. Nine weeks later he escaped.

36th DRAWING OF STATE LOTTERY

Ticket No. 042982 Wins the $250,000 Prize

Ticket No. 042982 won the $250,000 prize in the 36th drawing of the National State Lottery held at the Canidrome yesterday afternoon. The four second prizes were drawn by tickets Nos. 004271, 294389, 184202 and 128652.

Holders of prize-winning tickets may receive payment at the Central Bank of China, Bank of China and Bank of Communications, or any of the branches of the three Government banks a week after the drawing. All prizes unclaimed or uncollected after six months of the date of the drawing will be forfeited.

PERSONAL NOTES

Mr. Yui Ming was yesterday appointed Shanghai resident representative of the Foreign Office.

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Mr. T. V. Soong, Governor of the Bank of China, arrived in Nanking yesterday noon by air from Kuling.

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Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Chinese Ambassador to Japan, left Nanking yesterday morning en route to his birthplace, Huangshan, in Anhwei province. He has not fixed a date for his return to Tokyo.

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Dr. Wang Chung-hui, the Foreign Minister, left Nanking by steamer yesterday morning for Kuling, where he will arrive on Sunday. He will stay at the summer resort for the summer months.

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General Wu Te-chen, Governor of Kwangtung, left Canton for Hongkong by train yesterday afternoon en route to Shanghai, from where he will proceed to Kuling to confer with General Chiang Kai-shek on Kwangtung affairs.

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General Chu Ching-lan, Chairman of the National Famine Relief Commission, left Peiping for Honan on June 30 by the Peiping-Hankow railway. He will investigate the famine situation in Honan, later going to Shensi and Kansu.

RELIEF CAMPS FOR FAMINE ORPHANS

1,500 Being Accommodated by Welfare Association

Two relief camps for 1,500 famine orphans have been recently inaugurated by the National Child Welfare Association of China in Szechuen, according to a statement made by Mr. Jabin Hsu, General Secretary of the Association, yesterday.

"The National Child Welfare Association of China has taken upon itself the responsibility of establishing relief camps for the faminestricken children in Szechuen, Honan, Kansu and Shensi, where famine conditions are going from bad to worse.

"Mr. T. S. Chen, our Associate General Secretary, who was sent by the Association to establish relief camps, left here for Chungkiang by aeroplane two weeks ago. During his ten days' stay, Mr. Chen consulted with local authorities in making preparations for establishment of relief camps.

"The visit of Mr. Chen to Chungkiang aroused a great deal of interest among the local authorities and voluntary organizations for the relief of destitute children, who had perhaps suffered worst than any other affected areas. A sum of $25,000 has been contributed locally as the relief fund for famine orphans in response to an appeal made by Mr. Li Hongkwen, Mayor of Chunkiang. Besides, a financial campaign for funds is being conducted by a special committee.

"Through the co-operation of local authorities and voluntary organizations, two relief camps were formally established. One relief camp for 1,000 famine orphans is established in Chungkiang and the other, in Tze-liutsing, the most affected area in Szechuen.

Maintained For One Year

"The relief camps are to be governed by a board of directors under the supervision of the National Child Welfare Association of China. The children are not only to be given food and shelter in the camps, but will be given aducation and training in the various forms of manual work.

"These camps, according to the plans formulated by the Association, will be maintained for a period of one year. The estimated expenditures for a camp of 500 inmates will amount to $25,000 a year. More such camps will be established in other affected areas as soon as the Association finds the available funds.

"A relief camp for famine orphans will be established very soon in Chengtu, capital of Szechuen, according to a telegram sent from Chengtu by Mr. T. S. Chen, our Associate General Secretary. Mr. Liu Shang, Chairman of the Provisional Government of Szechuen, made a contribution of $10,000.00 towards the funds for the establishment of the camps. Mr. Chen will fly to Kansu by aeroplane on an investigation trip in famine conditions as soon as the relief camp is established in Chengtu."

PEIPING UNEASINESS MOUNTS

Alleged Agitators Arrested in Old Capital

Peiping, July 2.

Uneasiness in Chinese political circles is mounting over the activities of plainclothes agents, many of whom have been arrested during the past few days, including two found loitering last evening in the vicinity of the offices of the Hopei and Charhar Political Council.

Two of those taken into custody are alleged to have confessed that they had been employed to create disturbances during the elections to the National Assembly, which will meet in Nanking on November 12.

Precautions which may be described as semi-martial law have been enforced here since June 28. Persons found in the streets late at night are liable to be searched at the point of the bayonet, while units of the 29th Army have been brought into the suburbs from Nanyuan and other points.

Japanese sources declare there is no foundation for the Chinese alarm, but point out that the officials here are naturally anxious over the prolonged absence of General Sun Chehyuan, chairman of the Hopei and Charhar Political Council, in Loling, Shantung.

This is generally attributed to the General's desire to escape Japanese pressure for the implementation of economic concessions, including the right to construct the Tientsin-Shihchiachwang railway.—Reuter.

SERGT. W. BLABON LEAVING POLICE

Presentation to American Member of Force

A large number of his comrades in the Shanghai Municipal Police attended a presentation to Sergt. William Caspaar Blabon, one of the American members of the Force, yesterday evening at the Dixwell Road Station Quarters. Sergt. Blabon, who hails from Cupertino, California, joined the Police in May, 1930 and was promoted Sergeant in May, 1933. He will leave the Force on July 6 to return to America. He has been attached to various Stations and the Reserve Unit, and is noted for his knowledge of languages, having served as interpreter in Court cases.

Sub-Insp. W. B. Curtis, on behalf of the Foreign Branch, S.M.P., made the presentations last night, the gifts being an inscribed silver cigarette case and a silver ash-tray. He spoke briefly of Mr. Blabon's service here and of his social qualities which had earned for him such a large number of friends. A toast to the health of the departing Sergeant was then drunk, after which cold supper was served.

An evening of music followed, with Messrs. H. R. Cooper, F. C. Woodley, J. W. M. Dickson, F. Peasgood, F. H. Sadler, H. S. Austin and others participating. The arrangements were under the charge of Messrs. Austin and S. Craig.

Negotiations between Czechoslovakia and Rumania for a large consignment of war material to Rumania have now been completed. The contract will be signed at Bucharest at the end of this week.

THE "FOX" SNARED AT LAST BY JAPANESE POLICE

There was great rejoicing at Japanese consular police headquarters yesterday when, after two months, Masso Hotta, alias the "Fox," was recaptured after leading the police a merry chase. He was once under arrest but he broke out of gaol taking the proceeds of the safe with him. Hotta is seen on the left, with his captors (right) celebrating his arrest.

BIG GANG EXAMINED BY JUDGE

Ten Charged, Woman Freed, and Six Handed Over

Sixteen men and four women rounded up recently in a series of raids conducted by detectives from the Crime Branch Headquarters in the Settlement, French Concession, Nantao and Chapei, were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday afternoon for a special hearing.

Only ten of the prisoners were charged by the S.M. Police, four being accused of committing armed robberies, one being charged with possession of paraphernalia for making counterfeit 20-cent coins while five were accused of unlawful possession of firearms with intent to put them to criminal use.

As regards the remaining ten prisoners, including the four women, Mr. Paul Y. Ru, Assistant Municipal Advocate, told the court that police inquiries disclosed that the four female prisoners had not committed any offences either in the Settlement or Chinese-controlled territory, so the police asked for their immediate release. The six male prisoners were wanted by the Shanghai and Woosung Garrison Commander and the police were not opposed to it, Mr. Ru said.

An official despatch having been presented to the court by a representative from the Garrison Commander's office, the court ordered the extradition of the six male prisoners. The four female prisoners were then ordered to be freed.

The questioning of the ten prisoners still in Court regarding offences of armed robberies, possession of firearms and counterfeiting of notes having been concluded, the Judge ordered an adjournment for one week.

Those already handed over to the Garrison Commander's office were alleged to have conspired to subvert the constitution of the State.

FAREWELL PARTY TO S.M.R. MANAGER

Chinese, Japanese Notables Gather at Club

Local Chinese and Japanese notables met at the Japanese Club on Thursday afternoon at a farewell tea party for Mr. Tadashi Dohi, the retiring manager of the local office of the South Manchuria Railway Company, who has been appointed Vice-Mayor of Mukden. Mrs. Dohi was also present.

The Chinese guests included Acting Mayor O. K. Yui, of Greater Shanghai; Mr. Wang Chang-chun, Counsellor of the Greater Shanghai Municipality; Mr. Yu Ya-ching, General Manager of the San Peh Steamship Navigating Company; and Mr. Hsingloh Hsu, General Manager of the National Commercial Bank.

The Japanese guests included the Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Suemasa Okamoto; Major-Gen. Seiichi Kita, military attaché; Rear-Admiral Denshichi Okohchi, Commander of th Special Naval Landng Party; Dr. Shinzo Shirjyo, President of the Shanghai Science Institute; and Mr. Masusaburo Amano, head of the Japanese Residents Corp.

Mr. and Mrs. Dohi are leaving here for Dairen, en route to Mukden, on July 6 aboard the Dairen Maru.

U.S. LOCOMOTIVES IN THIS COUNTRY

22 Imported as Far Back As 1897

In the "North-China Daily News" of July 1, it was stated in connection with an order reported to have been placed with the Baldwin Locomotive Co. and the American Locomotive Co. for ten new locomotives for China, that these were the first completely American built locomotives to be built in this country.

The local office of Messrs. Andersen & Meyer point out that American built locomotives were first imported into China in 1897, the first batch numbering 22. Since that date the number of American built locomotives has steadily increased, until at the end of 1934 there were no less than 546 such locomotives operating on Chinese railways.

A number of the first American-built locomotives to be imported into this country are said still to be in operation.

THREE FREED IN ACID THROWING CASE

Ten men arrested by Kashing Station detectives for being concerned in the acid attack on Mr. J. Knox, employed by the Shanghai Gas Company, when Mr. Knox was riding in a rickshaw on the way to his home in Dixwell Road on November 28 last year, were brought before the First Special District Court yesterday. After questioning the prisoners, the Judge ordered the release of three of them, the others being remanded for one week. A charge of assault was preferred against the men.

PIGEON THAT LIKES POLICE STATIONS

Tientsin-Shanghai Flier Returning by Ship

ONLY THREE OUT OF 12 ARRIVE HERE

About two weeks ago, twelve pigeons were released in Tientsin. Eleven of them set off for Shanghai, but the twelfth had ideas of its own. A bird from the Eastern Loft, it is apparently "uniform-conscious," for instead of embarking on the long flight to Shanghai it flew around to the cote of M. Daudrumez, Chief of the French Police Force of Tientsin; curiously enough, one of its owners in Shanghai is a Chief Inspector in the Shanghai Municipal Police.

While homing pigeons have been known to fly right across the United States, and one bird actually flew from western Europe to south-eastern Asia, this bird resolutely set its mind against any long-distance travelling, apparently, and is now being brought down to Shanghai by steamer. The honour of the Eastern Loft, however, was upheld by another bird of the same loft, which came in first, on Tuesday last.

So far, only three birds have returned, although all are hoped to arrive outside their home cotes in the near future; second and third place were won by the Wayside and Red Lofts, respectively. Although the weather near Tientsin was fine, that around Shanghai during the week was extremely poor. In addition to the elements, however, the birds had to contest with another danger; one of them arrived with slight injuries which showed it had been fired at by a shot-gun.

The birds were released by Divisional Inspector Greenslade, of Tientsin. He noticed that one bird broke away from the group after they had circled round three times before setting out in a southerly direction, and he wondered if it later decided to catch up with the others or if Tientsin had captured its fancy. M. Daudrumez, noticing a strange bird around his cote, examined it and saw that it was marked "S.H.C." (Shanghai Homing Club) and accordingly informed Mr. Greenslade.

All twelve birds were taken up to Tientsin from Shanghai by aeroplane on June 18. They were later liberated from the roof of the B.M.C. Police Quarters by Mr. Greenslade. Last year four out of twelve birds safely negotiated the trip.

HANDICRAFT DISPLAY IN IN NANKING

Month's Exhibition of Over 30,000 Articles Closes

The National Handicraft Exhibition in the National Art Museum, Nanking, which recently closed after a very successful month's run, was considered by all who visited it to be a sign of the enormous progress now being made in China. It was conducted under the auspices of the National Association for the Promotion of Economical Reconstruction in China, which was founded by General Chiang Kai-shek a year ago. Over thirty thousand articles were on display, and it is hoped that the exhibition will have a stimulating effect on the development of rural industries and handicrafts in China.

According to some observers, many of the goods were below medium grade as regards quality, colour and design; it was felt that this was done with the intention of provoking criticism, as there are in China to-day many more tasteful porcelain goods, carpets and other handiworks on the market than were displayed. Noticeable also were the fact that most of the poorer grade goods were imitations of western products.

The exhibition also brought to light need in China for some central spot where the various special articles may be purchased. Certain baskets and dainty silver filigrees, for instance, can now only be purchased in Szechuen; other goods are peculiar to, say, Canton or Hankow.

A wish that was often heard expressed during the course of the exhibition was for some central mart where these various "specialities" could be purchased; it was pointed out that this should not be difficult, as communications between Nanking and the rest of China had improved so greatly during the past few years.

FACTORY AND WAREHOUSE GUTTED BY FIRE

A Japanese factory and a neighbouring warehouse on Kiangwan Road near Rokusan Gardens were gutted in an early morning fire yesterday. The fire was first detected in the warehouse of the Fukutai Yoko, dealers in cotton and machinery, No. 2 Huayuan Lane, at about 1 o'clock in the morning. Before the flames could be checked, they spread to the dye-manufacturing works, managed by Mr. Eitaro Matsubara. The fire was brought under control at 2 o'clock.

ANNIVERSARY OF R-34 FLIGHT MARKED

R.A.F.A. Tiffin Notes 1919 Event

The eighteenth anniversary of the trans-Atlantic flight of the R-34 was celebrated at the weekly tiffin meeting of the Royal Air Force Association, held yesterday in the "Dome" atop the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Building.

Mr. J. D. E. Shotter, who made the historic flight from East Fortune, Scotland, to America, was present, as were Mr. A. E. Bates, who was amongst those who saw the craft off at East Fortune, and Mr. Howard D. Norris, who welcomed the R-34 in the air in America.

The outward flight lasted 108 hours, and the return 75 hours.

DR. CHANG PO-LING NEW PRESIDENT

Heads Phi Tau Phi Society of China

Dr. Chang Po-ling was elected president of the Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honour Society of China which concluded its two-day convention yesterday. Other officers elected for the next three years were: Dr. J. Usang Ly and Dr. Li Shu-tien, vice-president; Dr. C. F. Wu, secretary-treasurer, and Dean S. T. Yang, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Among the resolutions passed at the meeting were that post-graduate students are to be treated the same as graduating students for membership in the Society. After the business meeting, the delegates visited the Civic Centre and were later entertained by Mr. O. K. Yui, the Acting Mayor, at a restaurant in Foochow Road. Some of the delegates left for Kuling yesterday morning.

The meeting was held at the Chiaotung University in Avenue Haig. Eight out of ten chapters were officially represented: Peiyang by President Li Shu-tien, Nanking by Prof. A. P. Tai Soochow by President Y. T. Yang Nanyang (Chiaotung) by Dean C. Chang in place of Dr. J. Usang Ly who is Chairman of the Convention but was prevented from attending by injuries which he had received in an accident the previous night, Nankai by Dean S. T. Yang, Tangshan by Prof. N. S. Koo, St. John's by Dr. Y. Y. Tsu, and Yenching by Mrs. T. T. Lew.

N.-EASTERN UNIV. AGAIN

Project for Maintenance in Peiping Put Forward

Peiping, June 30.

A committee for the maintenance of the local North-eastern University has been formed by a number of prominent North-eastern residents in Peiping. The committee intends to launch a drive for funds among North-eastern people in different parts of the country. The drive will be started simultaneously in ten different places, including Peiping, Tientsin, Nanking, Pengpu, Shanghai and Sian.

The committee believes that $10,000 a month will be enough to carry on the work of the local institution.

The North-eastern University, founded by the late Marshall Chang Tso-lin, used to receive more than $20,000 a month from the Ministry of Education in Nanking, but owing to the refusal of the student body and teachers here to accept a nominee of the Ministry for the Chancellorship of the University in succession to General Chang Hsueh-liang, the Government suspended this allowance about four months ago. Since then the University has been split in two, part remaining here and part going to Sian.—Reuter.

CURRENCY REFORM IN KWANGSI

Mr. T. V. Soong Returns from Conference

Mr. T. V. Soong, member of the Standing Committee of the National Economic Council and concurrently Chairman of the Bank of China, returned from Kuling yesterday by aeroplane. Greeting him at the Lunghwa Aerodrome at 1.35 p.m. were Gen. Yang Hu, Mr. Loy Chang, Dr. T. C. Tai, Mr. Liu King-san and Mr. T. W. Kwok.

Mr. Soong left here over two weeks ago for Canton where he successfully settled the Kwangtung small money notes question. While Mr. Jian Chen and Mr. Tsuyee Pei returned to Shanghai, Mr. Soong met Gen. Li Tsung-jen and then proceeded to Kwangsi to discuss measures for the conversion of Kwangsi money into legal tender notes. From Kweiling, he travelled to Kuling on Thursday and reported the measures to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek.

AIR LINER CRASHES IN MANCHOUKUO

Two Killed, Six Injured En Route to Mukden

WOMEN AMONG THE VICTIMS

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT

Mukden, June 23.

Two women passengers were killed and six other passengers injured, two of them seriously, when the air liner Super No. 148 crashed near Erhtzulai, Huan Jen county, Antung province about 11.40 a.m. on the morning of June 22.

The plane was on its way to Mukden by Tunghua from Shingishu, the Korean Air Port just across the Yalu River from Antung. Two planes were rushed from here as soon as the news was received, and the dead and injured were brought here on the evening of June 22.

The dead are Miss Huang Shu-tai, the daughter of the Head of the Huan Jen Revenue Inspectorate, and Miss Buku Shodo. The injured were: T. Fujikawa, age 32, an official of the Huan Jen Government; Boku Dogaku, age 40, the President of the Korean Residents Association at Huan Jen; Miss Boku Sejun, the ten year old daughter of the last named passenger; Dr. G. Kuroda, professor in the Manchuria Medical College here; K. Nozaki, age 27, of 16 Inaba-Cho, Mukden; and A. Hiramatsu, age 32, of 26 Kobai-Cho, Mukden.

High Safety Record

The Manchuria Air Transport Co., which enjoys a monopoly of air transportation in this country, was formed in October 1932. At the present time it is operating fourteen commercial lines with a total length of 8,170 kms. In addition it sponsors the four lines into North China with a total length of 1,475 kms. It also operates two military lines on which ordinary passengers could be carried whenever vacant seats were available.

This company, which was financed by the Manchoukuo Government, the South Manchuria Railway Co. and the Sumitomo Co. of Japan, operates a through service with the Japan Air Transportation Co.

During nearly four and a half years of operation there have been remarkably few accidents reported on the commercial lines. The route on which this accident occurred runs up through the Tung Pien Tao district along the right bank of the Yalu, and makes the total distance of 515 kms. in five hops. Between the river town of Chian and Tunghua, the plane passes through the district in which Father Burns was held captive last year. Huan Jen is the last stop before Mukden. It lies in the valley of the Hun Chiang a tributary of the Yalu, and is surrounded by hills. The route is a new one, and little patronized by foreign travellers, who would take the direct plane from Shingishu to Mukden instead of the circuitous trip through Tunghua, which is twice and a half as long.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS EXPENDITURE

Reduction Recommended by Legislative Yuan

Nanking, July 1.

Upon passing the Budget at its meeting last week, the Legislative Yuan recommended to the National Government to reduce the estimated expenditure for financial affairs as provided for in the National Budget for the 26th fiscal year (July 1, 1937-June 30, 1938). The estimates amount to $69.232,090, being 6.92 per cent. of the total national expenditure. The detailed figures are as follows:

ORDINARY EXPENDITURE

Financial Administration ..	$1,654,287
Customs	31,763,644
Salt	20,777,433
Internal Revenue	10,791,426
Income Tax	2,093,795
Miscellaneous	970,641
First Reserve Fund	816,600
Total	$68,867,826

EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE

Financial advisers	$200,000
Remittance of Customs surcharges and banking fees.	22,264
Mongolian Salt Bureau and Hopei Saltpetre factory.	39,448
Charhar Stamp, Tobacco and Wine Tax Bureau	3,948
Initial expenses for Income Tax Inspectorate and Tax Collectors' Training Class	80,000
Shanghai Industrial and Commercial Loans Examination Committee	6,000
Liquidation of public properties	12,600
Total	364,264
Grand Total	$69,232,090

—Kuo Min.

RAIL FARES TO NANKING, HANGCHOW REVISED

Fares on the Nanking-Shanghai and Shanghai-Hangchow Railways have been revised. A third class passenger is charged 1.25 cent for every kilometre he travels on either line for the first 50 kilometres; 1.15 cent for the next 50 kilometres; one cent for the second 100 kilometres, and .875 cent for the second 200 kilometres. Passengers travelling second class will pay double the amount, and those travelling first class three times the fare.

PLANS for a super-highway between Berlin and Rome, proposed in January, have so progressed that the definite course has been mapped out in Germany and Italy while Austrian engineers are surveying the most satisfactory route over the Tyrolean Alps. Berlin has announced that the German portion of the highway will be completed by 1941, in time for the World Fair in Rome. The German Chancellor, Herr Adolf Hitler, has shown a very lively interest in the plans.

RACING!
KIANGWAN, TO-DAY
First Bell, 2.30 p.m.

TWO WOUNDED IN CHAPEI

Gunman Breaks Into Straw Hut, Opens Fire

Two hut-dwellers in Tien Pao Road, Chapei, received bullet wounds at about 3 a.m. yesterday, when a gunman fired several shots at them at close range in their house. One of them, Po Chi-feng, 50-year old native of Northern Kiangsu, was struck in the leg and chest and is lying in a serious condition in the Paulun Hospital, while the other, his sister, was wounded in the arm.

Chinese Police, who investigated the crime, obtained the information that the wounded man had been involved in a dispute with a group of tea-house operators in the district. It appeared that he had together with a group of hut-dwellers petitioned the Shanghai City Government for the installation of a water hydrant, supplying free water to the poor residents. The installation was completed recently.

Investigation was proceeding last night. Several persons were questioned. Wang Ting-chang, a tea-house proprietor, who was arrested by a Chinese policeman near the scene of the shooting, is being detained at the Police Bureau in Nantao.

STRIKE PREVENTION ORDERED

Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's Order to City Government

Kuling, July 2.

That precautionary measures be adopted to prevent labour strikes, is ordered by General Chiang Kai-shek, in a telegram to the Greater Shanghai Municipal Government. The order states:

"In recent years labour strikes have occurred repeatedly. They are likely to affect the development of enterprises. During this period of economic reconstruction, the situation should be stabilized as far as possible, and precautionary measures adopted for the prevention of trouble, so as to avoid complications."

The order is to be transmitted by the Municipal Bureau of Social Affairs to the various labour unions in Shanghai.—Kuo Min.

HOLIDAY FOR OFFICE WORKERS

Firms Close for First Two Days of July

The first and second of July fell at a convenient time this year as they are followed by a Saturday, a half-holiday for most Shanghai office workers, making a four day period of leisure ending up with the Fourth of July celebrations to-morrow.

Taking advantage of this long break just when the weather has been showing signs of the heat which lies ahead, many Shanghailanders made up parties to visit such favourite spots as Hangchow, which proved especially popular, as usual. Those remaining in Shanghai had such pleasant distractions as swimming, tennis and golf with which to while away their leisure hours. A party of sailing enthusiasts left for Minghong on Thursday.

Banks and many business houses shut their doors to allow their employees the benefit of the two bank holidays falling on July 1 and 2. Monday brings the holidays to an end, and a return to the weary round once more.

TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY OF NANKING GOVERNMENT

Nanking, July 2.

The 12th anniversary of the establishment of the National Government was commemorated yesterday. Over 400 officials were present at the ceremony which was presided over by Mr. Chang Chi, member of the C.S.C. —Kuo Min.

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